

UNAPPROVED

BOARD OF DENTISTRY

MINUTES

SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE "A"

TIME AND PLACE: Special Conference Committee "A" convened on July 13, 2012 at 10:03 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 2nd Floor Conference Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, VA 23233.

PRESIDING: Martha C. Cutright, D.D.S.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Augustus A. Petticolas, Jr., D.D.S.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Meera A. Gokli, D.D.S.

STAFF PRESENT: Sandra K. Reen, Executive Director
Donna Lee, Discipline Case Manager
Indy Toliver, Adjudication Specialist

QUORUM: With two members present, a quorum was established.

**Richard Pollock, DDS
Case No.: 142912** Dr. Pollock appeared with counsel, Kenneth Hirtz, to discuss the allegations set forth in a Notice of the Board dated April 30, 2012. The Committee received statements from Dr. Pollock, Joyce Amankwah, Dental Assistant, and Mr. Hirtz and discussed the allegations with them.

Closed Meeting: Dr. Petticolas moved that the Committee convene a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Richard Pollock, DDS. Additionally, Dr. Petticolas moved that Ms. Reen, Ms. Lee, and Ms. Toliver attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and passed.

Reconvene: Dr. Petticolas moved that the Committee certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened. The motion was seconded and passed.

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**DECISION:
Case No.: 142912**

Ms. Toliver reported that the Committee found that Dr. Pollock permitted a dental assistant to administer nitrous oxide to Patient A, a duty that is only delegable to a qualified licensed dental hygienist; and that he failed to include in Patient A's treatment record the level of nitrous oxide that was administered to Patient A.

The sanctions reported by Ms. Toliver were that Dr. Pollock be issued a reprimand; complete the Virginia Dental Law Examination; and pay a \$2,000 monetary penalty.

Dr. Petticolas moved to adopt the decision of the Committee. The motion was seconded and passed.

Approval of Minutes:

Upon a motion by Dr. Petticolas, the minutes from the Informal Conference conducted on May 25, 2012 were approved.

ADJOURNMENT:

With all business concluded, the Committee adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Martha C. Cutright, DDS, Chair

Sandra K. Reen, Executive Director

Date

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